



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

June 28, 2024

*This Week's Program:*

**Brandie Broadhead**  
Orchard Place

Arranged By:

Kelly Peterson

Greeter:

Joe Kobes

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson

Sergeant:

Dan Boes

Scribe:

Jack Bell

## 2024-25 Officers & Directors

Tim Olejniczak, President

TBA, President Elect

Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer

Dianne Downing, Secretary

Ed Arnold, Board Member

Bill D. Corwin, Board Member

Jack Bell, Past President

## Future Programs

7/5: No Meeting  
Happy 4th of July!

7/12: TBA

7/19: Steve Cannon  
Adventure Photographer

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

As I did in the meeting last week when Jack passed the gavel off to me, I want to start out by saying thank you again. Thank you, Jack, for your service as our president, you have left some very big shoes to fill. Thank you to the board that has agreed to serve while I am president, I am extremely excited to work with you. And lastly, thank you to everyone in our club for trusting in me to serve as president this year. I am looking forward to having a great year with each and everyone of you.



As I am typing this and reflecting on what made me agree to be president this year, it honestly came down to the people in the club. I would have never imagined and even some of my family gets a chuckle when they hear that I am serving as Rotary president this year. That is not because they are against Rotary at all, it is because they can't believe I said yes to it. I go on to tell them the reason that I said yes is because the members in the club have accepted me and taken me in since day one, and I am beyond grateful for that and how each one of you accepted me in.



I believe our clubs strength is in our members, and my goal this year is to grow our membership. When I was looking through my new president binder that was the number 1 thing that stuck out to me, but it is also the District Governors big focus as well. Our club clearly has a passion when it comes to Rotary, our donation numbers show it, and our members give so much to Rotary.

Where we are lacking is the number of members we have and unfortunately seeing a decline in our membership numbers each year. I do think part of that is us Millennials (and yes, I can pick on them since I am one) struggle with commitment and as Kelly likes to remind me I do as well, and she is not wrong.

My call to action for each of our members for the year I am president is trying to think of one person you know who would be a good fit for our club. We are still working on the details and the exact date, but our plan is to have a member/guest day before the end of the year with a goal of having each of our members bring one person that they believe would benefit from hearing about Rotary. It isn't going to be a pushy event at all, but mainly just letting people know about what we do in Rotary both locally and in the community. I know when I tell people I am in Rotary their very first question is, What is that? And what does Rotary do?; our goal in the member guest meeting will be to answer those questions and show them what we have done and are working to do in the community and internationally. Sorry I got a bit windy with my first message, but we didn't have a scribe last week as well.

Please let me know if there is ever anything you have concerns with that you think we can improve on, and please let me know if there is anything we are doing that you really like so we can continue to do it. And again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year I am looking forward to it!

# Other Locations

## Monday

West Polk County, Food Depot, 3000 SE Grimes Blvd, Suite 200 in Grimes (Noon)

## Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)  
 Ankeny, Magee's Irish Pub, (6:00 pm)  
 Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)  
 Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)  
 Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)  
 West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

## Wednesday

East Polk County, Caring Hands, (7:00 am)  
 Adel, 1016 Main St. Raccoon Valley Comm. House (Noon)  
 The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

## Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)  
 Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)  
 Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

## Friday

Des Moines, AM, Downtown Holiday Inn – Mercy, (7:00 am)

# Upcoming Events

RYLA Grinnell College, July 14 - 19

CFUM, July 22

NW Rotary Golf Tournament, August 29

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

**Tim Olejniczak**

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# Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 5	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 12	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor
July 19	Bob Moore	Leray Glendenning	Bill Grask	Wendi Wilson
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				

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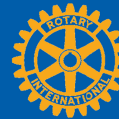
# This & That



**Thanks Jack!**

A big **THANK YOU** to Jack Bell for leading NW Rotary last year! We appreciate you!

Rotary



## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

### FIRST:

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

### SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

### FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.